

AGENDA
Tribal Court State Court (TCSC) Forum
Friday, March 6, 2020
Hosted by: Upper Sioux Community

Forum Meeting
Upper Sioux Community Multi-Purpose Building
5722 Travers Lane
Granite Falls, MN 56241
10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Map

The purpose of the Tribal Court State Court Forum is to enhance tribal court and state court relationships, provide an opportunity to address issues arising from the courts' concurrent jurisdictions, collaborate on development and delivery of judicial education and training, recommend revisions to Minnesota's procedural rules of court, and work on issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

[Link to TCSC Forum website](#)

Tribal Court Co-Chairs: Hon. Henry Buffalo and Hon. Lenor Scheffler
State Court Co-Chairs: Hon. Lucinda Jesson and Hon. Sally Tarnowski

10:00
am

Blessing

Welcome by Judge Lenor Scheffler

- Introductions
 - Forum Members who are in attendance
 - Special Guests

10:20
am

Overview of agenda and identification of any additional agenda items

10:30
am

Review and approve September 13, 2019 Meeting Summary and December 5, 2019 Meeting Summary



Meeting Summary
9-13-19



Meeting Summary
12-5-19

10:35
am **Probation Revocation Report**

- Brief update from Judge Kulick about outreach to the Governor's Office in response to the Sentencing Guidelines Commission Report and her most recent request to gather more precise data on probation revocation racial disparities.

10:45
am **Presentation from MN Dept. of Human Services**

- Jennifer Eichten and Cassandra Finley to provide an overview of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) and its impact on child protection and juvenile delinquency proceedings in state courts and tribal courts.



DHS FFPSA
PowerPoint Present:

11:30
am **Lunch** (provided by Upper Sioux Community)

12:30
pm **ICWA & Other Outreach**

- Future trainings
 - State Court, through CJI, is putting on the following [ICWA Trainings](#) for all child protection stakeholders in the area:
 - July 17, 2020 – Minneapolis;
 - August 21, 2020 – St. Paul;
 - September 18, 2020 – Duluth; and
 - November 20, 2020 – Bemidji.
 - National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) has some upcoming trainings as well:
 - [2020 NICWA Training Institute](#): Understanding ICWA, Positive Indian Parenting, April 1-3, 2020, Denver, CO
 - [2020 NICWA Training Institute](#): Positive Indian Parenting, Qualified Expert Witness, Working with Substance-Abusing Families, June 2-4, 2020, Portland, OR
 - [UMD Annual ICWA Conference](#):
 - May 13, 2020 – Grand Casino Hinckley, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Jerry Milner, Acting Commissioner of the Administration for Children and Families. Conference presentations will offer examples of ICWA collaboration and how collaboration strengthens American Indian children and families, and the agencies that serve them.
 - Potential work to broaden collaboration of CJI ICWA training with DHS and UMD.
 - Other?

12:50 pm **ICWA Subcommittee – Current Work & Upcoming Events**

- Update from Justice McKeig about the newly formed ICWA Subcommittee (of the CJI Advisory Committee) – its current work and upcoming ICWA Courts Convening event on April 24, 2020.

1:00 pm **Tribal Justice Screening (hosted by Hennepin County Library)**

- Update from Judges Ringhand and Royal on October 24th Screening of *Tribal Justice* with visit from Director Anne Makepeace and Tribal Justices Abby Abinanti and Claudette White.

1:10 pm **Future Topics & Next Steps**

- Professor Statz’s research project / proposal on what more can be done as personal support for state court judges and tribal court judges in rural communities.
- Presentation from Sentencing Guidelines Commission with more race-based probation revocation data county by county and district by district.
- Maddens 2020 training for new judges.



Maddens Proposal
- Introduction to Tril

- Presentation from Patina Park on the new task force for Missing and Endangered Tribal Children.
- Presentation from Jack DeWalt on Minnesota’s Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) and the current management team he is on focusing on domestic violence and Hennepin County Family Court.
- New staffing of TCSC Forum coming.
- Someone from the Committee on Equality and Justice (CEJ) – maybe a judge who is active on the Committee - to come and talk about opportunities to partner.
- Visit from Jill Esch, Native American Ombudsperson for the State of Minnesota.

1:30 pm **Future Meeting Dates**

- Friday, July 24, 2020 – State Court Host (TBD – maybe something in the 3rd or 6th Judicial District);
- Friday, October 9, 2020 – Tribal Court Host (TBD – maybe one of the Chippewa tribes in or around the 6th District); and
- TBD (early December 2020) – State Court Host (Annual Conference of Judges Breakfast Meeting).

1:45 pm **Adjourn & Optional Tour with Judge Scheffler.**

Judge Scheffler will take those interested on a tour of the courthouse as you leave Upper Sioux Community going toward Granite Falls.